

## **THE CLAIMS**

1-10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) A functional heterotrimeric G protein comprising an  $\alpha$  subunit comprising a first amino acid sequence encoding a first fluorescent protein and a  $\beta$  subunit comprising a second amino acid sequence encoding a second fluorescent protein, wherein said first and second fluorescent proteins are capable of fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET).

12. (canceled)

13. (original) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein said first and said second amino acid sequences are within 100 angstroms of each other.

14. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein the first fluorescent protein is cyan fluorescent protein.

15. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein the first fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein.

16. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein the second fluorescent protein is cyan fluorescent protein.

17. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein the second fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein.

18. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein the first fluorescent protein is cyan fluorescent protein and the second fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein.

19. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein the first fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein and the second fluorescent protein is cyan fluorescent protein.

20. (original) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein said first amino acid sequence is within a helical domain of said  $\alpha$  subunit.

21. (original) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein said second amino acid sequence is at the N-terminus of said  $\beta$  subunit.

22. (original) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 11 wherein the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits are *D. discoideum* G protein subunits.

23. (original) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 13 wherein said first amino acid sequence is within a helical domain of said  $\alpha$  subunit and said second amino acid sequence is at the N-terminus of said  $\beta$  subunit.

24. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 23 wherein the first fluorescent protein is cyan fluorescent protein and the second fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein.

25. (original) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 24 wherein the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits are *D. discoideum* G protein subunits.

26-55. (canceled)

56. (previously presented) A functional heterotrimeric G protein comprising an  $\alpha$  subunit comprising a first fluorescent moiety and a  $\beta$  subunit comprising a second fluorescent moiety, wherein the first and second fluorescent moieties are capable of fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET).

57-76. (canceled)

77. (previously presented) A functional heterotrimeric G protein comprising an  $\alpha$  subunit comprising a first amino acid sequence encoding a first fluorescent or luminescent protein and a  $\beta$  subunit comprising a second amino acid sequence encoding a second fluorescent or luminescent protein, wherein said first and second fluorescent or luminescent proteins are capable of bioluminescence resonance energy transfer (BRET).

78. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein said first and said second amino acid sequences are within 100 angstroms of each other.

79. (currently amended) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein the first fluorescent or luminescent protein is a fluorescent protein, and the fluorescent protein is cyan fluorescent protein.

80. (currently amended) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein the first fluorescent or luminescent protein is a fluorescent protein, and the fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein.

81. (currently amended) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein the second fluorescent or luminescent protein is a fluorescent protein, and the fluorescent protein is cyan fluorescent protein.

82. (currently amended) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein the second fluorescent or luminescent protein is a fluorescent protein, and the fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein.

83. (currently amended) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein the first fluorescent or luminescent protein is a light-emitting luciferase protein and the second fluorescent or luminescent protein is a fluorescent protein, and the fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein.

84. (currently amended) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein the first fluorescent or luminescent protein is a luminescent protein, and the luminescent protein is a light-emitting luciferase protein, and the second fluorescent or luminescent protein is a fluorescent protein, and the fluorescent protein is cyan fluorescent protein.

85. (currently amended) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein the first fluorescent or luminescent protein is a fluorescent protein, and the fluorescent protein is cyan fluorescent protein, and the second fluorescent or luminescent protein is a luminescent protein, and the luminescent protein is a light-emitting luciferase protein.

86. (currently amended) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein the first fluorescent or luminescent protein is a fluorescent protein, and the fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein, and the second fluorescent or luminescent protein is a luminescent protein, and the luminescent protein is a light-emitting luciferase protein.

87. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein said first amino acid sequence is within a helical domain of said  $\alpha$  subunit.

88. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein said second amino acid sequence is at the N-terminus of said  $\beta$  subunit.

89. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits are *D. discoideum* G protein subunits.

90. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 77 wherein said first amino acid sequence is within a helical domain of said  $\alpha$  subunit and said second amino acid sequence is at the N-terminus of said  $\beta$  subunit.

91. (currently amended) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 90 wherein the first fluorescent or luminescent protein is a luminescent protein, and the luminescent protein is a light-emitting luciferase protein, and the second fluorescent or luminescent protein is a fluorescent protein, and the fluorescent protein is yellow fluorescent protein.

92. (previously presented) The functional heterotrimeric G protein of claim 91 wherein the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits are *D. discoideum* G protein subunits.

93. (previously presented) A functional heterotrimeric G protein comprising an  $\alpha$  subunit comprising a first fluorescent or luminescent moiety and a  $\beta$  subunit comprising a second fluorescent or luminescent moiety, wherein the first and second fluorescent or luminescent moieties are capable of bioluminescence resonance energy transfer (BRET).